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Le Cocq To Act As Attorney For Recreation Group

R. B. Le Cocq, one of the Lynden City Park fathers, has accepted the invitation to be attorney for the Lynden Community Recreation Council.

In the summer of 1920, Mrs. Louisa Scofield, mother of Mrs. Lawrence Asam, was about to sell the tract of land now occupied by the City Park. The late Sol Lewis and R. B. Le Cocq saw the need for a city park and took an option on it and then, by house to house canvassing, solicited the funds for the tract of land for city park purposes. Within three days, by donation from the Lynden business men, employees, city residents and farmers in the Lynden area, the funds were all subscribed and the tract was turned over to the city for a park. The City Council passed the ordinance creating a Park Board, November of that year and provided for a levy of taxes for the upkeep and improvement of the park, creating a special Park Fund to be administered by the City Treasurer.

"Naturally I am very much interested in the revival of interest in our beautiful city park. It has a wonderful setting, with trees, running water and sloping grounds. The swimming pool now there, when properly repaired and cleaned, is as fine a pool as one will see anywhere with a stream of water which can refresh and renew the water in the pool as often as may be desired. It is a spot which many a youngster will remember all through life," Le Cocq said.

"We feel that this little city park is worthy of renewed interest and full development during the coming years. The 1957 assessed valuation of the City of Lynden is \$2,525,508.00. Under the ordinance the city council can levy one mill for park purposes. By providing for such levy in the budget to be made up in September and passed in October, the one mill levy would give the park the sum of \$2,525.50 for use during the year 1958. If the assessed valuation has increased for 1958 then it would, of course, be somewhat more," the attorney added.